

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 0316106
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Local Authority Mental Health Duties

Request:

1. How many Approved Mental Health Professionals (AMHP) did your local authority have warranted to make decisions under the Mental Health Act as of 1 April (or nearest available date) on each of the following years – 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16? Please list the actual number of AMHPs warranted (if it is easy to also list the FTE equivalent as well then please include this too).

In respect of question 1, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the information relating to the year 2012-13. Consequently, we are unable to provide the information relating to the year 2012-13, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

This information was held by the Mental Health Act Office.

2013-2014	25
2014-2015	27
2015-2016	26

2. How many Mental Health Act assessments did your AMHP service carry out in each of the following years –2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16?

2012-13: 501 Assessments
2013-14: 448 Assessments
2014-15: 648 Assessments
2015-16: 594 Assessments

3. Does your AMHP service record cases where lack of bed availability has impacted the service's ability to carry out its duties? If so, please provide figures for how many times this has happened in each of the following years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16.

In respect of question 3, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the information relating to the year 2012-13. Consequently, we are unable to provide the information relating to the year 2012-13, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

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2013-2014	46
2014-2015	80
2015-2016	72

4. Has your local authority undertaken any analysis of whether it has sufficient AMHPs in post in 2014-15 or 2015-16? If yes, please attach a copy of this report(s).

No – We base the number of AMHPs in relation to the population size 249,470 and 1 AMHP for every 10,000 people.

5. Please attach any correspondence your director of adult services has received during 2014-15 or 2015-16 from the Department of Health, CQC or your local police force, about AMHP availability. Please also include a copy of the reply correspondence from your director.

There has been no formal correspondence to the Director in relation to AMHP availability.